

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is made in response to the rejection dated August 4, 2009.

Claims 2-9 and 18 remain. The precursor of claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(e), using the Ehr reference, U.S. Patent 6,033,433.

This rejection is now traversed.

Ehr does not disclose the claimed invention, notably the sinusoidal bridging elements. As well, the subject of the § 112 rejection has been addressed.

Claims 2-9 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants herewith request a one-month extension of time. Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CMI5001USCNT7/PAC for any such fees.

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